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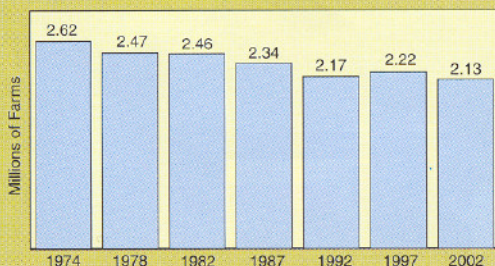
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The 2002 Census of Agriculture is the most comprehensive source of statistics portraying our Nation's agriculture.

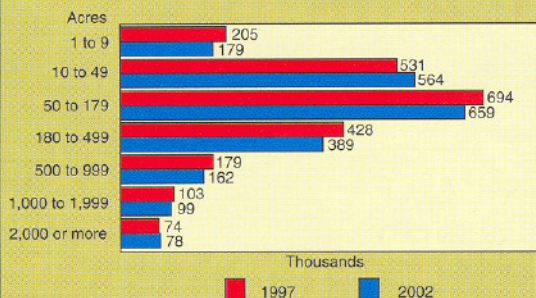
A farm or ranch is defined as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the reference year.

Farms and Ranches: 1974 - 2002

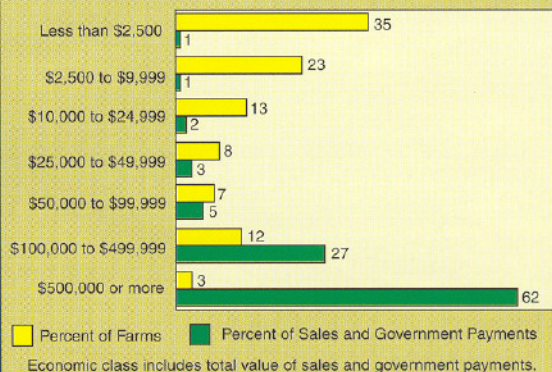


Farm counts include measures for missed and misclassified farms.

Farms by Size: 1997 and 2002



Distribution of Farms by Economic Class: 2002



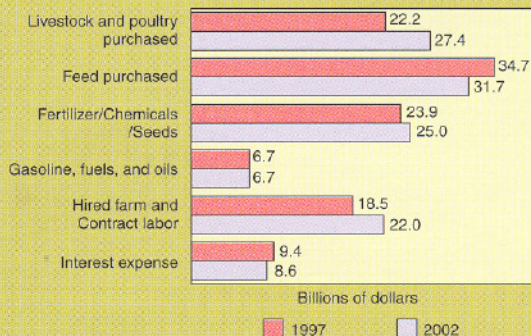
Economic class includes total value of sales and government payments.

Net Cash Farm Income: 2002

	Farms	Net Cash Farm Income (thousands of dollars)	Average per Farm (dollars)
Less than \$1,000	419,033	-2,987,544	-7,130
\$1,000 to \$2,499	317,514	-1,201,277	-3,783
\$2,500 to \$4,999	243,873	-786,205	-3,244
\$5,000 to \$9,999	247,570	-626,833	-2,532
\$10,000 to \$24,999	274,951	-59,827	-218
\$25,000 to \$49,999	162,426	836,544	5,150
\$50,000 to \$99,999	140,850	2,070,497	14,700
\$100,000 to \$249,999	162,286	6,466,265	39,845
\$250,000 to \$499,999	85,387	7,836,611	91,778
\$500,000 to \$999,999	44,988	8,111,856	180,312
\$1,000,000 or more	29,862	20,853,970	698,345

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Selected Farm Production Expenses: 1997 and 2002



Estimated Value of Land and Buildings: 2002

	1997	2002
Value of land and buildings	\$921,581,316,000	\$1,144,905,925,000
Average per farm	\$416,007	\$537,833
Average per acre	\$967	\$1,213

Farms by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS): 2002

	Farms	Percent
Crop		
Oilseed and grain farming	349,023	16%
Vegetable and melon farming	34,624	2%
Fruit and tree nut farming	95,680	4%
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production	64,366	3%
Other crop farming	442,932	21%
Animal		
Beef cattle	664,431	31%
Cattle feedlots	55,472	3%
Dairy cattle and milk production	72,537	3%
Hog and pig	33,655	2%
Poultry and egg production	44,219	2%
Sheep and goat	43,891	2%
Aquaculture and other animal production	228,152	11%

NAICS classifies farms based on primary activity. Each farm is represented once, categorized by the product accounting for 50% or more of the total production value; farms with no single product accounting for 50% or more are classified as other.

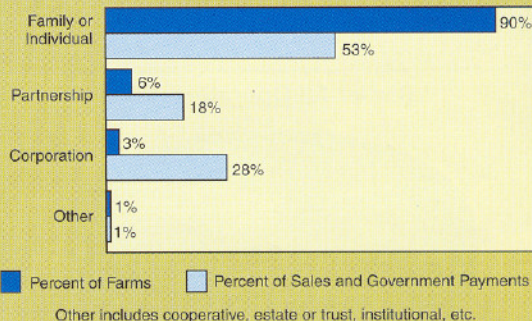
Information from the census of agriculture is used daily across America in all types of agricultural planning and decision-making. Whether decisions affect farmers at the county, State, or national level, the census is an excellent tool for telling the story of all farmers and ranchers.

Average Farm: 2002

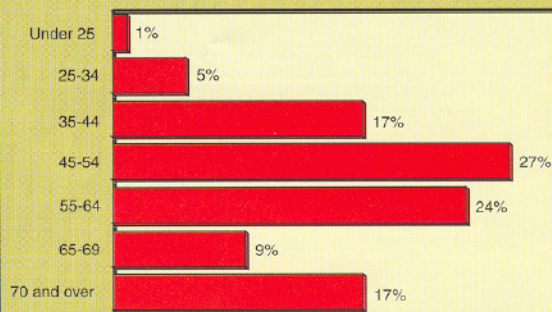
Average Size Farm (acres)	441
Average Total Value of Sales and Government Payments ..	\$97,320
Average Net Cash Farm Income	\$19,032
Average Age of Principal Operator	55.3
Average Years on Present Farm for Principal Operator	20.7

Data from the census of agriculture provides a true picture of American agriculture operators once every 5 years.

Type of Organization: 2002



Age of Principal Operator: 2002



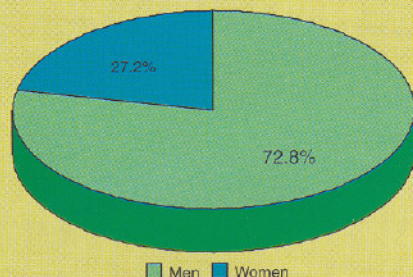
Tenure of Principal Operator: 2002

	Full Owner	Part Owner	Tenant
Farms	1,426,136	551,004	149,842
Value of Sales and Government Payments	\$89,717,893,000	\$94,807,581,000	\$22,666,459,000

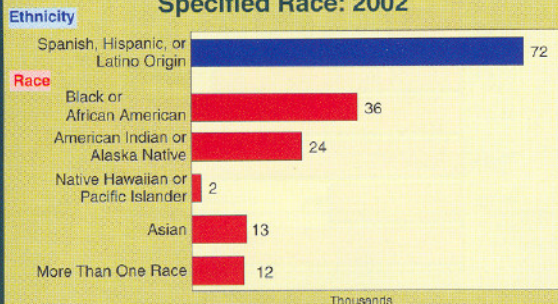
Primary Occupation of Principal Operator - Farming or Other: 2002

	Farming	Other
Farms	1,224,246	904,736
Value of Sales and Government Payments	\$177,741,125,000	\$29,450,908,000

Sex of All Operators: 2002



Operators by Ethnicity and Specified Race: 2002



The census collected data on up to 3 operators per farm. These counts include all operators reported.

Computer Usage: 2002

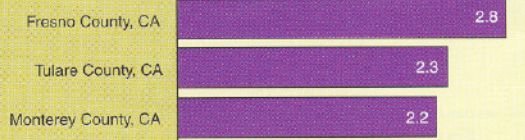
	Farms	Percent
Computer Usage for Farm Business	827,215	39%
Internet Access	1,056,875	50%

The Census of Agriculture is the only source of uniform agricultural data for every county in the United States

Top 3 Counties for Selected Items

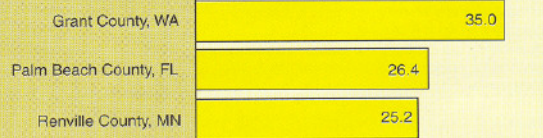
Value of Agricultural Products Sold

(Billions of Dollars)



Sweet Corn Acres

(Thousands)



Berry Acres

(Thousands)



Value of Poultry and Eggs Sold

(Millions of Dollars)



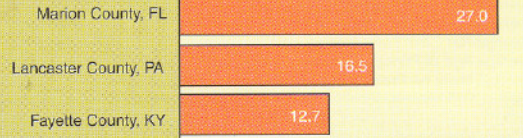
Meat and Other Goats Inventory

(Thousands)



Horse and Pony Inventory

(Thousands)



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The Census of Agriculture provides a detailed look at agriculture in each of the Nation's 3,000 plus counties. Data, available in electronic format on the Internet, printed, and CD-ROM, provide a complete statistical picture of U.S. farms and ranches every 5 years.

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